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PART VI.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

No. 804-17—M. F. 177-14-10, DATED 11TH OCTOBER 1916.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

READ—

Government Proceedings No. 2066-7—M. F. 652-12-1, dated the 16th May 1913, appointing a Committee consisting of Divan Bahadur Mr. C. Srikantesvara Aiyar, Inspector-General of Police, and Mr. G. Aravamudu Iyengar, Muzrai Superintendent, for studying and submitting a joint report upon the organization and working of the Muzrai Department.

2. Letter No. 6—S. C., dated the 26th January 1914, from the Members of the Muzrai Committee, submitting for the orders of Government a joint memorandum on the reorganization of the Muzrai Department and suggesting among other matters, the lines for the revision of expenditure in the Government Annachattrams.

3. Demi-official correspondence with the Deputy Commissioners of Districts regarding the proposal to stop free feeding in certain chattrams in the State.

4. Note dated the 17th July 1916, from the Muzrai Superintendent relating to the utilization of the funds thus set free.

Order No. 804-17—M. F. 177-14-10, dated 11th October 1916.

At paras 22 to 29 of their Memorandum dated the 26th January 1914, the Committee appointed to report upon the working of the Muzrai Department have

examined the existing conditions and usefulness of the Government Annachattrams, and have expressed the opinion that owing to the advent of railways, the expansion of communications and the shifting of traffic and pilgrim routes, many of the chattrams no longer serve their original purpose, that owing to rise in prices, the tasdiks allotted are inadequate in most cases and that if these institutions should be placed on a proper footing, a more or less drastic revision is called for. The Committee have recommended that chattrams situated near renowned Shrines, Thirthas and at certain other important centres should be retained with their standard of usefulness improved and that the remaining ones should be converted into rest houses, the buildings being maintained in good order and a small establishment retained to attend to the comforts of the travelling public.

2. A statement of chattram where free feeding may, in accordance with the above recommendation, be stopped has been prepared and the Deputy Commissioners of Districts consulted as to the expediency of such a course. They are of opinion that feeding may immediately be stopped in the case of twenty of the above institutions and that in three of these the issue of raw rations to byragees may be continued.

3. The Government agree with the Muzrai Committee regarding the necessity that exists for the revision of the Annachattrams and accept the recommendations of the Deputy Commissioners to stop free feeding in the twenty chattrams enumerated in the appended statement. As far as possible, these chattrams should be converted into suitable rest houses for the convenience of the travelling public with an establishment sufficient to answer their requirements and provide meals on payment.

4. The aggregate tasdik allotment for these institutions is Rs. 13,901-7-0 out of which a sum of Rs. 3,682-4-0 is spent on fixed payments to nehimidars leaving Rs. 10,219-3-0 to be spent upon the institutions themselves. Out of this amount, the Muzrai Superintendent recommends that a sum of Rs. 1,080 a year may be made available for the purpose of improving the usefulness of the Tirupati Charities, proposals for which have been separately considered and approved by Government, that Rs. 1,500 a year may be allotted as tasdik for the Tulamasa Santarpane at Paschimavahini and Seringapatam and that a lump sum of Rs. 2,000 may be set apart to place on a footing of greater usefulness certain chattrams at important centres. Government are pleased to accept these recommendations, and they direct that after allotting funds for the purposes mentioned, the net savings which will be available, *viz.*, Rs. 5,639-3-0 should be utilized wholly for the purpose of providing an adequate establishment and such furniture and vessels as may be absolutely necessary for the newly constituted rest houses and that the savings together with the surpluses now standing at the credit of these institutions should be spent in improving the accommodation now available.

5. The Muzrai Superintendent is requested to submit definite proposals in consultation with the Deputy Commissioners of Districts regarding the establishment and other necessaries required for the various rest houses together with a set of rules for their efficient supervision and a scale of rates for meals, etc., supplied, suitable for middle class travellers and another for poorer classes.

6. Individual accounts for the institutions need not be kept any longer in the Comptroller's books, the newly constituted rest houses in each district being treated as one institution for account purposes. The appended statement shows against each group of rest houses the tasdik allotment therefor from which the nehimi and other charges, recurring and extraordinary, will be met. The control of these institutions will continue to remain with the Muzrai Department and a paragraph should be added as regards their working in the Muzrai Administration Report of each district.

2. The above order will come into effect as regards stoppage of free feeding from 1st January 1917. As, however, the present year's tasdik amounts have already been credited to the individual institutions, the appropriations from the savings sanctioned above on account of the Tirupati Charities, Tulamasa Santar-

pane and improvement of other Annachattrams will take effect from the beginning of the next official year.

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To—The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Comptroller to the Government of Mysore.
The Muzrai Superintendent in Mysore.
The Palace Controller, Mysore, for information.
The Inam Superintendent in Mysore.
The Members of the Muzrai Committee.

No.	District	Chattrams where free feeding is to be abolished	Tasdik including nehimi	Surplus at the end of June 1915	Remarks	
			Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.
1	Mysore ...	Chattram at Mandya ...	162 12 4	4,330 12 6	For establishment at Rs. 25 each for the first three chattrams and Rs. 20 for Bherya	95 0 0
2		Do Nagamangala ...			For existing nehimi charges ...	62 12 4
3		Do Krishnarajpete			For sadavart at Nagamangala ...	5 0 0
4		Do Bherya ...			Total ...	162 12 4
5	Tumkur ...	Do Tumkur ...	30 8 0	167 11 6	For establishment	25 0 0
					For nehimi charges	5 8 0
					Total ...	30 8 0
6	Shimoga ...	Do Mahishi ...	70 6 0	3,483 6 3	For establishment charges of the chattram at Shikarpur ...	25 0 0
7		Do Shikarpur ...			For establishment charges of the chattram at Mahishi ...	20 0 0
					For nehimi charges	25 6 0
					Total ...	70 6 0
8	Hassan ...	Do Grama ...	102 6 8	7,380 6 5	For chattram establishment charges at Rs. 20 each	60 0 0
9		Do Channaraya-patna ...			For nahimi charges	42 6 8
10		Do Banavar ...			Total ...	102 6 8
11	Bangalore	Do Hoskote ...	185 7 2	4,217 8 1	For establishment at Rs. 25 for each of the first three chattrams and Rs. 20 for Bidadi	95 0 0
12		Do Closepet ...			For nehimi charges	90 7 2
13		Do Channapatna ...			Total ...	185 7 2
14		Do Bidadi ...				
15	Chitaldrug	Do Challakere ...	105 5 11	4,122 13 0	For establishment charges at Rs. 20 each	60 0 0
16		Do Hangal ...			For nehimi charges	35 7 0
17		Do Komaranahalli			For sadavart (Challakere Rs. 5 and Hangal Rs. 4-14-11)	9 14 11
					Total ...	105 5 11
18	Kolar ...	Do Malur ...	119 14 6	1,721 5 4	For establishment at Rs. 25 for each of the chattram	75 0 0
19		Do Bowringpet ...			For nehimi charges	44 14 6
20		Do Kolar ...			Total ...	119 14 6
		Total ...	776 12 7	25,423 15 1		
			9,321 7 0	or per annum		